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1. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT T.V. PARASURAM, WRITING IN THE MAY 15 "INDIAN EXPRESS," LINKS THE US ATTITUDE TOWARD SUPPLYING FUEL TO TARAPUR WITH US OPPOSITION TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, DECLARING THAT "THE IDEALISM OVER NON-PROLIFERATION IS A THIN OVER FOR RETAINING THE PRESENT WORLD POWER BALANCE WITH ITS DISASTROUS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FOR THE HAVE-NOTS, UNLESS OPPOSITION TO PROLIFERATION LEADS TO GENUINE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AS DEMANDED BY INDIA."

2. CRITICIZING THE US CONGRESS ' "IMMORAL" ABROGATION OF THE US COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY FUEL FOR TARAPUR, PARASURAM ARGUES THAT US FAILURE TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT WOULD ABSOLVE INDIA OF HER OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TARAPUR AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY THE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS. PARASURAM BELIEVES THAT THE US CONGRESS CAN RESOLVE THE CRISIS IT HAS CREATED OVER TARAPUR BY "SIMPLY
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ADDING AN EMENDMENT EXCLUDING EXISTING COMMITMENTS FROM THE OPERATION OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION ACT."
AFTER CHIDING THE US FOR "QUARRELLING OVER SHIPMENTS TO TARAPUR WITH ONE OF THE FRIENDLIEST GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORLD," PARASURAM PRODUCES A LENGTHY QUOTATION FROM "NEW YORK TIMES" COLUMNIST JAMES RESTON ALLEGING A LACK OF VISIBLE CONTROL OVER US FOREIGN POLICY.

PARASURAM CONCLUDES THAT "THE ABSENCE OF COHERENCE
IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE
CONGRESSIONAL CHALLENGE TO THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY
ARE BOUND TO BE REFLECTED IN INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS
ON ISSUES LIKE TARAPUR."
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